







Income,
Poverty, and
Earnings: 2004



American Community Survey

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- Income, poverty, and earnings
- Educational attainment
- Commuting times
- Housing values
- Language spoken at home
- Grandparents as caregivers
- Veteran status
- Foreign-born population
- ...and many more

Current and Timely Local Data ACS Release Timetable

Type of Data	Population Size of Area	Data for the Previous Year Released in the Summer of:					
		2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010+
Annual estimates	250,000+						\rightarrow
Annual estimates	65,000+						-
3-year averages	20,000+						-
5-year averages	<20,000 Census Tracts and Block Groups						-

Data reflect American Community Survey operations through 2004.

Note: Increase in sample size from 800,000 to about 3 million addresses began in 2005.

Median Household Income: 2004 Highest and Lowest Estimates, by County

(For Counties with Populations of 250,000 or more)

Highest	Income
Fairfax County, VA	\$88,100
Somerset County, NJ	\$84,900
Morris County, NJ	\$83,600
Montgomery County, MD	\$83,000
Howard County, MD	\$82,100

Lowest	Income
St. Louis City, MO	\$30,400
El Paso County, TX	\$28,900
Bronx County, NY	\$28,700
Cameron County, TX	\$26,300
Hidalgo County, TX	\$24,800

Note: Income rounded to nearest \$100.

Median Household Income: 2004 Highest and Lowest Estimates, by Place

(For Places with Populations of 250,000 or more)

Highest	Income
San Jose, CA	\$71,800
Anchorage, AK	\$61,600
San Francisco, CA	\$60,000
Virginia Beach, VA	\$55,800
San Diego, CA	\$51,400

Lowest	Income
Buffalo, NY	\$28,500
Detroit, MI	\$27,900
Cleveland, OH	\$27,700
Newark, NJ	\$26,300
Miami, FL	\$24,000

Note: Income rounded to nearest \$100.

Median Household Income: 2004 Drilling Down to Local Areas

(For Selected Florida Counties and Places with Populations of 250,000 or more)

United States: \$44,700

Florida: \$41,200

Counties	Income
Seminole County	\$51,500
Lee County	\$45,100
Lake County	\$35,900
Polk County	\$34,200

Places	Income
Jacksonville	\$41,900
Tampa	\$39,200
St. Petersburg	\$38,100
Miami	\$24,000

Note: Income rounded to nearest \$100.

Counties and Places With Changes in Median Household Income: 2003 to 2004

(For Counties and Places with Populations of 1 million or more)

Counties	2003 Income	2004 Income	Change
Fairfax County, VA	\$82,900	\$88,100	+ \$5,200
King County, WA	\$58,500	\$55,100	- \$3,400
Orange County, CA	\$61,300	\$64,400	+ \$3,100
Palm Beach County, FL	\$47,200	\$43,500	- \$3,700
Philadelphia County, PA	\$33,800	\$30,600	- \$3,200

Places	2003 Income	2004 Income	Change
Philadelphia, PA	\$33,800	\$30,600	- \$3,200

Note: Income rounded to nearest \$100.

Percentage of People in Poverty: 2004 Highest and Lowest Estimates, by County

(For Counties with Populations of 250,000 or more)

Highest	Percentage
Hidalgo County, TX	43.6
Cameron County, TX	35.8
El Paso County, TX	32.3
Bronx County, NY	30.6
Philadelphia County, PA	24.9

Lowest	Percentage
McHenry County, IL	3.8
Monmouth County, NJ	3.6
Waukesha County, WI	3.5
Morris County, NJ	2.8
Johnson County, KS	2.6

Percentage of People in Poverty: 2004 Highest and Lowest Estimates, by Place

(For Places with Populations of 250,000 or more)

Highest	Percentage
Detroit, MI	33.6
El Paso, TX	28.8
Miami, FL	28.3
Newark, NJ	28.1
Atlanta, GA	27.8

Lowest	Percentage
Arlington, TX	10.2
San Francisco, CA	10.2
Anaheim, CA	8.2
Virginia Beach, VA	7.7
Anchorage, AK	7.4

Percentage of People in Poverty: 2004 Drilling Down to Local Areas

(For Selected California Counties and Places with Populations of 250,000 or more)

United States: 13.1%

California: 13.3%

Counties	Percentage
Tulare County	20.3
Kern County	19.3
San Mateo County	5.2
Placer County	4.7

Places	Percentage
Long Beach	26.4
Fresno	21.2
San Jose	11.4
San Francisco	10.2

Counties and Places With Changes in Poverty Rates: 2003 to 2004

(For Counties and Places with Populations of 1 million or more)

Counties	2003 Poverty Rate	2004 Poverty Rate	Change
Allegheny County, PA	9.0	11.1	+ 2.1
Bronx County, NY	28.7	30.6	+ 1.9
Broward County, FL	11.5	10.3	- 1.2
King County, WA	7.3	10.4	+ 3.1
Nassau County, NY	3.6	5.2	+ 1.6
Oakland County, MI	7.7	5.3	- 2.4
Wayne County, MI	17.2	20.1	+ 2.9

Places	2003 Poverty Rate	2004 Poverty Rate	Change
New York, NY	19.0	20.3	+ 1.3

Percentage of Children in Poverty: 2004 Highest and Lowest Estimates, by County

(For Counties with Populations of 250,000 or more)

Highest	Percentage
Hidalgo County, TX	53.8
Cameron County, TX	45.2
El Paso County, TX	44.6
Bronx County, NY	43.1
Orleans Parish, LA	38.1

Lowest	Percentage
Waukesha County, WI	3.0
DuPage County, IL	2.9
Bucks County, PA	2.8
Monmouth County, NJ	2.7
Morris County, NJ	1.2

Percentage of Children in Poverty: 2004 Highest and Lowest Estimates, by Place

(For Places with Populations of 250,000 or more)

Highest	Percentage
Atlanta, GA	48.1
Detroit, MI	47.8
Long Beach, CA	45.2
Miami, FL	41.3
Milwaukee, WI	41.3

Lowest	Percentage
Wichita, KS	13.0
Riverside, CA	11.7
Anaheim, CA	11.6
Virginia Beach, VA	10.8
Anchorage, AK	10.2

Children in Poverty: 2004 Drilling Down to Local Areas

(For Selected Texas Counties and Places with Populations of 250,000 or more)

United States: 18.4%

Texas: 22.9%

Counties	Percentage
Hidalgo County	53.8
Cameron County	45.2
Collin County	4.7
Denton County	4.9

Places	Percentage
El Paso	40.7
Dallas	30.3
Austin	17.4
Arlington	14.8

Highest Median Earnings Estimates, by Sex and Occupation: 2004

Men	Earnings
Legal occupations	\$100,000 +
Healthcare practitioner and technical occupations	\$69,100
Computer and mathematical occupations	\$66,100
Management occupations	\$65,400
Architecture and engineering occupations	\$64,500

Women	Earnings
Computer and mathematical occupations	\$56,600
Architecture and engineering occupations	\$51,600
Management occupations	\$48,100
Legal occupations	\$48,100
Life, physical, and social science occupations	\$45,600

Note: Earnings rounded to nearest \$100.

Lowest Median Earnings Estimates, by Sex and Occupation: 2004

Men	Earnings
Personal care and service occupations	\$27,300
Healthcare support occupations	\$25,800
Building and grounds cleaning and maintenance occupations	\$25,200
Farming, fishing, and forestry occupations	\$22,100
Food preparation and serving related occupations	\$20,400

Women	Earnings
Transportation and material moving occupations	\$22,400
Personal care and service occupations	\$19,800
Building and grounds cleaning and maintenance occupations	\$17,800
Farming, fishing, and forestry occupations	\$17,100
Food preparation and serving related occupations	\$17,000

Note: Earnings rounded to nearest \$100.

Largest Earnings Gap Between Men and Women: 2004

Occupation	Men's Earnings	Women's Earnings	Wome as a pe men'
Legal occupations	\$100,000 +	\$48,100	***
Sales and related occupations	\$43,500	\$27,900	
Healthcare practitioner and technical occupations	\$69,100	\$45,400	
Production occupations	\$34,100	\$22,800	
Building and grounds cleaning and maintenance occupations	\$25,200	\$17,800	

Women's Earnings	Women's earnings as a percentage of men's earnings
\$48,100	*** 48.1
\$27,900	64.1
\$45,400	65.7
\$22,800	66.9
\$17,800	70.6

Note: Earnings rounded to nearest \$100.

^{***} Could not be precisely computed because median earnings for men was in the upper unbounded category.

Smallest Earnings Gap Between Men and Women: 2004

Occupation	Men's Earnings
Installation, maintenance, and repair occupations	\$38,600
Community and social service occupations	\$38,000
Construction and extraction occupations	\$33,100
Healthcare support occupations	\$25,800
Computer and mathematical occupations	\$66,100

Women's Earnings	Women's Earnings as a Percentage of Men's Earnings
\$36,500	94.7
\$34,000	89.4
\$29,300	88.6
\$22,700	87.9
\$56,600	85.6

Note: Earnings rounded to nearest \$100.

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Income, Poverty, and Health Insurance Coverage: 2004

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